

## **RAVENNA PARK-CREEK DAY-LIGHTING COMMUNITY MEETING #2**

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*Minutes*

*April 18, 2002*

### **Agenda**

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- Welcome and introduction to the process by Virginia Hassinger, Sr. Capital Project Coordinator, Seattle Parks and Recreation
- Goals of Workshop #1 were to:
  - Explain Context-Background & Site
  - Review input from Workshop #1
  - Receive Additional Input
  - Work in small groups to develop preferred plans for Ravenna Park

### **Comments & Concerns**

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#### **Cowen**

- There should be no playfield lighting at Cowen
- Parking at Cowen is already limited
- Loss of unscheduled field at Cowen a negative for community
- Cowen is used as a community park, and extension of homes
- If playfields are to be relocated, Cowen would lose "natural feel"
- Community worked hard to create a plan-it doesn't include a playfield
- Clarify cost for under drains at Cowen Park-previous estimate \$1,000,000; now \$250,000??
- Encourage young children to use Cowen Park-help our children
- More people in the park make it safer
- Encourage kids to play to keep out bad elements (like environmental day camp)
- If you have little kid baseball (T ball), parking still an issue
- Cowen Park is a child's park
- Extension of neighborhood (part of the heart)
- Soccer at Cowen-all grass

#### **Playfields**

- Playfields schedule: soccer August-November; baseball March-July
- Is it possible to use Sandpoint/UW fields
- UW fields - little league baseball used to be there (comment from UW official: fields too busy now for shared use)
- Don't like construction-more information is needed
- Is it "no net loss" of playfields?
- Timeline of reservoir cover?
- Reconsider picnic area as a playfield option
- How much are fields used? Soccer: Laurelhurst/Ridgeview-1000 kids-Aug-Thanksgiving; Little league: 700 kids-April-July

- Need more information
- Sandpoint-new fields coming, is it possible to relocate there?
- Any ball field will have an earth infield
- Find place outside of park for ball fields

### **Ravenna**

- Make park pristine
- Create view vista of Mt. Rainier
- From Northwest viewing area -make clearer view corridor
- Beautiful space
- Need for natural area
- Mouth of creek is an interesting place / place of interest and meaning
- Keep the park natural, don't clutter w/ art and ball fields
- Clarify costs for ball fields at Ravenna
- Cutting slope to west to push ball field to west an option
- Boundary lines between parks need to be clarified
- Ravenna/Cowen considered one park (some disagree)

### **Information needed from the City to help with better planning**

- Provide boundaries of Athletic Leagues/groups
  - More information on other options
    - Bryant, 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., Picnic Area, Play area above Ravenna Field - ie. Wading Pool Area
    - Timeline for covering reservoir
  - Cost to improve field at Cowen
  - Soil testing @ Cowen
  - Size of fencing and seating
  - Info on use of picnic area
    - # of People - how often are field used
- Smalls groups engaged in a mapping exercise and developed 11 (Peggy, please check this #) site plans. Findings:
- (# of groups aligned the creek on the East
  - (#) aligned the creek on the West
  - (#) opted for a natural, no fields options
  - Peggy, please fill in additional information
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  - Next Steps: the next meeting, originally planned May 16, will be moved to a yet determined later date. All participants in the first two workshops will be informed about this last meeting.
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- Post suggestions on RCA website: [home.earthlink.net/~ravennacreek](http://home.earthlink.net/~ravennacreek)*

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